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Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service anticipates advertising timber designated for cutting in the following timber sale area on the Boise National Forest sometime in late October, 2014. This advance notice is to afford interested parties time to examine the sale area prior to winter.

The Stoney Houselog Resale area covers 132 acres more or less within T. 14 N., R. 5 E., Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23; Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho. Access to the Sale Area from Cascade, Idaho, is provided via State Highway 55 north approximately 1 mile, then east on Forest Highway 22 (Warm Lake Highway), then south and east approximately 9 miles on Forest road 433 (Horsethief Road) to the western edge of the Sale Area.

This sale contains a total estimated volume of 2,565 Tons of timber (1,003 CCF). All harvest units are leave-tree marked (LTM) with orange paint and boundary locations have orange paint with the unit number facing into the unit. Predominant species are lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, and Douglas-fir. Timber Sale Contract form FS-2400-6 will be used.

There are 2.47 miles (3.97 kilometers) of specified road reconstruction. A specified road cost of \$18,144 has been allowed in the appraisal for this work. The appraised haul route will be to Tamarack, Idaho, via National Forest System roads 433 and 433D. Road maintenance (C5.31#) will be required on NFS roads along this route. Vegetation clearing, culvert cleaning, and surface blading and repair will be required on NFS road 433 and interested parties should examine these potential maintenance requirements prior to bid submission.

Sale operation restrictions:

C6.24# - If future monitoring efforts reveal that a wolf pack has denned within or adjacent to the project area, proposed activities within 1 mile of the den site would be suspended from April 1 through July 31, if those actions are determined by the wildlife biologist to disturb denning activities.

C5.12# - Snowplowing restricted from December 15 to April 15 to prevent conflicts with snow grooming and snowmobile use.

This will be a weight-scaled sale and measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. All volume in the 132 acres will be specified off-road jammer yarded. The Forest Service encourages bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates:

Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Average DBH
Subalpine fir	Sawtimber	Ton (CCF)	392 (154)	11.0
Lodgepole pine	Sawtimber	Ton (CCF)	2,044 (801)	9.3
Douglas-fir	Sawtimber	Ton (CCF)	129 (48)	20.0
Total		Ton (CCF)	2,565 (1003)	9.8

If you wish further information on this sale, the cruise, road package, and draft sale area map may be requested from the Emmett Ranger District office, 1805 Highway 16, No. 5, Emmett, Idaho 83617, phone 208-365-7000; or the Supervisor's Office, 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite, 200, Boise, Idaho 83709, phone 208-373-4184.

In addition, these documents can be found on the Boise National Forest webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/boise/> and click on "Timber Sales" under Quick Links.

Sincerely,

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Contracting Officer